

Plaque comes to IN-E

It was Wednesday, January 8 and Lonny had had on his calendar for the past couple months to visit chapter K that evening. It wasn't until that morning though that he had even thought about/remembered the traveling plaque was in the chapter he was headed to. The question was whether another four or more E members would want to go along. After all, E had failed in their last two attempts to capture the plaque. They traveled to D-2 back in August with about 15 members on bikes only to have IN-B show up unexpectedly. They traveled to New Albany (IN-B) then in October only to walk into the restaurant and see O-2 from Elkhart sitting there. To say the least Chapter E was discouraged. 160 mile round trip to Fort Wayne and 300 mile round trip to New Albany had resulted in the Anderson chapter having to go home empty handed. But crying about it and whining was not an option. Or maybe it was.

The One Call went out and two of our ladies, Theresa Meredith & Mary Jean Masters, responded immediately. Ralph & Lorelee Ward got called back and volunteered to drive their van. Karen Hunter, who had planned to work longer hours that day changed her plans and said she'd go. Lon Clayton said he'd just drive and meet us there. Seven members, gotten together at the last moment, would be enough.

It was comforting to walk into the restaurant and see only Chapter K members. It's not that we don't like to see our other Goldwing friends but we really did want the plaque. When it was time to present, CD Ed Feldt pulled the ugliest board with misspelled words identifying it as the traveling plaque out of the padded bag that protects the real treasure. Mary Jean could be heard whispering in the background "We came here for THAT?" Ed finally then agree to give us the nice plaque we'd put in so many miles trying to get.

Confession is good for the soul and therefore we confess. Chapter E's monthly gathering was the following evening and we weren't excited about everyone hearing the plaque's new location and someone then showing up to take it less than 24 hours after it had been captured.

We assume someone will be coming to E in February to try to take it back to their home chapter. E meets on the second Thursday of the month, eating at 6:00 and sharing info at 7:00. It's important to point out that visitors are encouraged to notify Lonny ahead of time that they'll be attending and that is only because Karen prepares the meal each month and needs to have an idea about how much food is needed.





The new plaque created by Ed Feldt